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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Regulatory Changes to Implement the United States/Australian Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation; Final Rule, 10 CFR Part 40 (RIN 3150-A195; NRC-2011-0072)

On November 8, 2011, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 69120) amending its regulations to implement the 2010 “Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.” This Agreement prohibits the United States from using Australian-obligated nuclear material to produce tritium for use in a nuclear explosive device, or for any other “military purpose.” The amendments in this final rule help enable the U.S. Government to meet its agreement obligations with the Government of Australia. This final rule was effective on November 8, 2011.

Taxpayers and Ratepayers United, et al.; Environmental Impacts of Severe Reactor and Spent Fuel Pool Accidents; Petitions for Rulemaking; Notice of Receipt, 10 CFR Part 51 (Docket Nos. PRM-51-14, et al.; NRC-2011-0189)

On November 10, 2011, the NRC published a notice of receipt in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 70067) on 15 petitions for rulemaking (PRMs), each dated August 10, August 11, or August 12, 2011, from multiple petitioners. The petitioners request that the NRC rescind its regulations that allow generic conclusions about the environmental impacts of severe reactor and spent fuel pool accidents and its regulations that preclude considerations of those issues in individual licensing proceedings. The petitioners also request the NRC to suspend multiple ongoing licensing proceedings while the NRC considers these petitions and the environmental issues raised in the Fukushima Task Force Report, “Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century: The Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident” (ADAMS Accession No. ML111861807), dated July 12, 2011. The NRC is not instituting a public comment period for these PRMs at this time.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Moore, Toye	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRR

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 4, 2011, through November 10, 2011:

Indian Point measures of radiation, criteria, protocols, inspections, maintenance, and repairs, insulation requirements on electrical cables, evacuation plan, siren emergency plan, etc. various time frames - all records.	FOIA/PA-2012-0041
June 2011, suggestions submitted by J. Budzynski, J. Gilmer, and E. Eagle re: Improvements to Boiling-Water Reactor/Pressurized-Water Reactor plants in respect to the Fukushima-Dai-Ichi accident, All documents of all personnel involved/contacted included named individuals.	FOIA/PA-2012-0042
Any correspondence to NRC from/on behalf of Linda (Crockett) Lingle as Hawaii Governor 12/02-12/2010; Republican Party Chairwomen 1999-2002; Maui County Mayor January 1991, through January 1999; Maui County Councilwoman 1980-1990.	FOIA/PA-2012-0043
NRC-10-07-414, Administrative Support and Secretarial Services and NRC-DR-33-08-301, Document Management – copies of contracts and any amendments.	FOIA/PA-2012-0044
RES/DSA-2011-0002 Vacancy Announcement was not filed. Copies of the document provided to the selection file that contains the selecting official's reason for doing so.	FOIA/PA-2012-0045
Federal Procurement Data System Data Quality Reports	FOIA/PA-2012-0046
Copies of Exhibits in support of Agency Case No. NRC-11-04	FOIA/PA-2012-0047
Experts to be called in support of Agency Case No. 11-04	FOIA/PA-2012-0048
Identify each witness and provide a summary of evidence expected from each witness in support of Agency Case No. NRC-11-04	FOAI/PA-2012-0049
Communications between NRC and the Office of Personnel Management with regard to the agency's promotion of young technical professionals	FOIA/PA-2012-0050
All reports by former Office of Inspector General Investigator George Mulley or staff working with Mulley in relation to leaks in the service water system at Byron Generating Station	FOIA/PA-2012-0051
Differing Professional View Documents submitted between January 1, 2005 - November 9, 2011, for named nuclear power plants	FOIA/PA-2012-0052

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Receipt and Availability of License Renewal Application for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS)

On November 1, 2011, the staff received an application from Entergy Operations, Inc., requesting the renewal of the operating license for GGNS Unit 1, for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year term. The current operating license expires at midnight on November 1, 2024. The application is available at the website. <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/gg1.html> and in ADAMS under Accession No. ML113080132. The staff tentatively plans to hold a public information session near the plant in early 2012 to provide an overview of the license renewal process and to solicit public comments on the scope of the staff's environmental review.

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

Restart date for the North Anna nuclear power plant that was near the epicenter of the August 23, 2011, earthquake.

A Request for Additional Information NRC sent to Vermont Yankee regarding their response to a post-Fukushima bulletin issue by NRC.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported Chairman Jaczko's speech to the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations Chief Executive Officer Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on November 10, 2011.

OPA supported a quarterly NRC meeting on the status of the Watts Bar Unit 2 project and the construction inspection program near the site in Athens, Tennessee.

OPA posted the blog "The Nuclear Reactors that Power Knowledge Not Light Bulbs."

OPA posted the blog "NRC OKs Restart of Dominion's North Anna Nuclear Power Plant

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-212	NRC Approves Restart of North Anna Reactors, Will Ensure Dominion Meets Commitments (11/11/2011)
11-211	NRC Seeks Public Input on Draft Supplement to Watts Bar 2 Nuclear Plant Environmental Statement; Meetings on December 8, 2011 (11/10/2011)
11-210	NRC Announces Availability of License Renewal Application for Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant (11/9/2011)
Regions:	
II-11-065	NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference to Discuss Apparent Violations at Oconee Nuclear (11/7/2011)
IV-11-048	NRC to Hold Pre-Decisional Enforcement Conference with Roxar Flow Measurement, Inc. (11/10/2011)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-11-0076	11/9/2011	Improving the Public Radiation Safety Cornerstone of the Reactor Oversight Process
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0076	11/9/2011	(same)
3. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0140	11/10/2011	Enhancements to the Fuel Cycle Oversight Process
4. Staff Requirements Memorandum on SECY-11-0126	11/9/2011	Staff Requirements- Proposed Rule: Amendments to Material Control and Accounting Regulations (RIN 3150-A-161)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0154	11/07/2011	An Agencywide Approach to Counterfeit, Fraudulent, and Suspect Items
2. SECY-11-0148	11/08/2011	NRC Participation in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Halden Reactor Project During 2012-2014
3. SECY-11-0157	11/07/2011	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending October 28, 2011
4. SECY-11-0149	11/10/2011	Summary Findings Resulting From the Staff Review of the 2010 Decommissioning Funding Status Reports for Operating Power Reactor Licensees
Memoranda		
1. M111021	11/08/2011	Staff Requirements - Briefing on North Anna
2. M111018	11/08/2011	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Browns Ferry, Unit 1
3. M111101B	11/10/2011	Staff Requirements- Information Briefing on the Fuel Oversight Program

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Retrospective Review under Executive Order 13579; Initial plan for retrospective analysis of existing rules.

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